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IN FULFILLING

THE GREAT COMMISSION OF

OUR LORD

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FOREWORD

Nearly two thirds of the entire membership of the Protestant Church are women. They are in profound sympathy with every phase of church life and activity. They are deeply interested in every problem which confronts the Church at the present day. They are especially concerned in the great missionary movement which has advanced so rapidly in recent years.

The women of Methodism have organized two missionary societies, one for the prosecution of foreign work and the other for the prosecution of home work. Both of these organizations have become great in numbers, in leadership, in gifts, in influence, in effective and extensive service. These societies have been signally blessed and guided by God in the past, and the future is bright with promise and is fraught with tremendous possibilities.

This volume is designed to assist these consecrated women in carrying forward their great work. It is the result of a busy pastor's study of women's missionary societies for the past twenty years. The purpose, plan, and spirit of the book are in perfect harmony with the work of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Woman's Home Missionary Society. It is put into the hands of the women of Methodism with the earnest hope and prayer that it may be of some practical service to them in the work of their societies.

The names and addresses of corresponding secretaries of the Branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, together with forms of will, devise, and annuity, and memberships and scholarships in the Society, may be obtained by addressing the office Secretary, Miss Elizabeth R. Bender, Room 710, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city. The national officers of this Society are: President, Mrs. W. F. McDowell, 1936 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois; Vice-President, Mrs. A. W. Patten, 616 Foster Street, Evanston, Illinois; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Barnes, 354 Perry Street, Fostoria, Ohio; Treasurer, Miss Florence Hooper, 2201 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Similar information relative to the Woman's Home Missionary Society may be secured by communicating with Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, Corresponding Secretary, Delaware, Ohio. The general officers of the Society are as follows: President, Mrs. George O. Robinson, 425 Cass Avenue, Detroit, Michigan; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, Delaware, Ohio; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, 934 Findlay Street, Cincinnati, Ohio; Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Thompson, 2144 Fulton Avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Honolulu, Hawaii, September, 1912.

CHAPTER I

HISTORICAL SKETCH—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK

The first woman's missionary society is said to have been organized by the ladies of the Baptist Church in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1800. The Constitution, which is still preserved, contains the following: "This Society shall be composed of females (of no limited number) who shall feel themselves disposed to contribute their mite toward so noble a design as the diffusion of gospel light among the shades of darkness and superstition." These ladies held meetings once a month and paid dues of two dollars per member.

Other societies followed. The "Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society" was formed in 1802; the "Cent-a-Week Society" in 1808; the "Salem Cent Society" in 1811. Similar societies multiplied in the succeeding years and raised considerable money for the missionary cause.

"As early as 1812 we have mention of a 'Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,' at New Haven, Connecticut, belonging to the Congregational Church. Under the leadership of this Society auxiliaries sprang up rapidly until, in 1839, they numbered more than six hundred and eighty."

On July 5, 1819, some Methodist women of the city of New York organized a society for the Methodist churches of that city and vicinity. Dr. Nathan Bangs presided at the first meeting and

assisted in the organization. The meeting sent a greeting and appeal to all the churches, from which the following extract is quoted to show the Christlike spirit which prompted those consecrated women to organize:

"Shall we who dwell in ease and plenty, whose tables are loaded with the bounties of Providence, and whose persons are clothed with the fine-wrought materials of the Eastern loom; shall we, who sit under the droppings of the sanctuary, and are blessed with the stated ordinances of the house of God—thus highly, thus graciously privileged, shall we deny the small subscription solicited to extend the bare necessities of life to our brethren who are spending their strength and wasting their health in traversing dreary mountains and pathless forests to carry the glad tidings of free salvation to the scattered inhabitants of the wilderness?"

"The Rev. David Abeel, of the American Board, was a pioneer in organizing 'woman's work for woman.' As early as 1817 the American Board began to employ single ladies as teachers among the North American Indians, and up to the year 1860 one hundred and four had been thus employed."

In 1835 a Woman's Missionary Society was formed at Berlin, Germany, for the instruction of women in the East; and later schools for girls were opened in a number of non-Christian lands by different missionary societies.

In March, 1859, the Ladies' Wesleyan Missionary Association was founded, with headquarters

at London. Its work has been confined to women and children.

The Woman's Union Missionary Society was organized in New York in February, 1861, with Mrs. T. C. Doremus as president. Following this organization, mission boards of women were formed in nearly all the Protestant denominations of Great Britain, Canada, and the United States. "These missionary societies of women are for the most part closely allied to the general missionary boards of the denominations to which they belong, but they send out women as missionaries and have produced another vast extension of the scope of the missionary enterprise. The impossibility of carrying on successful missions without women missionaries to win and instruct their own sex is now fully recognized. No mission field is so dangerous or so repellent in its barbarism as to be denied the ministering service of devoted women of Christendom."

As teachers in children's schools and as nurses in hospitals, woman's services have been more satisfactory and more efficient than the services of men. But especially in reaching that vast number of women who are closely confined to the zenanas, harems, and homes of heathen lands, they are accomplishing a task which men could not do and which is of supreme importance for the success of Christian missions.

CHAPTER II

HISTORICAL SKETCH—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has the unique distinction of being the first woman's missionary society organized under the direct sanction and support of a leading denomination.

This Society owes its origin largely to the earnest efforts of Mrs. Edwin Parker and Mrs. William Butler. They succeeded in interesting a few other ladies in the project and a call was issued for a meeting to be held in Tremont Street Church, Boston, March 22, 1869.

"On the morning of the appointed day Mrs. Parker awoke to behold one of the most furious storms of the season, and she twenty-five miles from the place of meeting. Mr. Parker tried to dissuade her from going to Boston, saying, 'No one will be there, and we had better go home.' Turning to her husband, she said, 'Edwin, you can do as you think best, but I must go to Boston.' She found Mrs. Butler and six other ladies present. These ladies then and there adopted a constitution and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society."

At the session of the General Conference in 1872 this new organization was officially recognized and sanctioned and provisions made for its work in harmony with that of the General Board.

Its organization is as complete as it is practical and effective. "It is composed of eleven coördinate branches, entirely independent of each other, and yet parts of a great whole. Each of these branches has its own organization with a corresponding secretary, who attends to all the work pertaining to the foreign field, and an associate secretary who supervises all the work in her branch at home. Each Annual Conference has a secretary. Each district superintendent's district is organized. Hence there is an immediate and direct connection between the auxiliaries, which report to the district; the district, which reports to the Conference; the Conference, which reports to the Branch; and the Branch, which reports to the General Executive Committee. The management and general administration of affairs are vested in a General Executive Committee, which committee is composed of the general officers (president, vice-president, recording secretary, and treasurer) and of the corresponding secretary, the associate secretary, and two delegates from each Branch, with the secretaries of the German and Scandinavian work. This committee is the supreme authority to which all matters are referred from the Branches. This committee investigates the financial conditions, appropriates all moneys raised, devises methods for carrying forward the work, determines the amount of money to be raised, employs missionaries, designates their fields of labor, carefully scrutinizes all details on the various fields, and has supervision of all the publishing interests."

Missionaries of this Society are working in Africa, Japan, Korea, China, the Philippines, Malaysia, India, Burma, Italy, Mexico, South America, and Bulgaria.

The equipment of the Society for effective service is summarized by Mrs. J. T. Gracey as follows: "First, it is loyal to God and to the Church. Second, it has a complete and efficient organization, a thorough financial system, excellent business methods, a trained and devoted constituency, and high character in its officers and leaders, its literary and educational system, its family of periodicals, and its systematic course of study of mission fields. Abroad it has an equipment in the life, character, and influence of its missionaries, assistant missionaries, and teachers; in the development and power of its medical work for women; in the ability and popularity of its physicians, American and native; in its finely equipped hospitals and dispensaries; in its schools of all grades from kindergarten to college; in its orphanages, homes, and buildings; in its thousands of pupils under instruction, its thousand and more Bible readers, its general benevolent work, and the hearty, helpful sympathy of governments under which our missionaries perform their work."

NOTE.—Statistics have been avoided in this sketch because they are a constantly changing factor in this great movement. Every woman should have a copy of the latest annual report which contains every phase of the statistical situation.

CHAPTER III

HISTORICAL SKETCH—WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE proposal to establish a Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Methodist Episcopal Church was approved by the General Conference of 1880. The first meeting, held for the purpose of making preliminary plans for organization, was called by Mrs. R. S. Rust, in June, 1880. The Society was organized in Trinity Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 6, 1880. The first president was Mrs. R. B. Hayes. The first annual meeting was held in October, 1882. The first local auxiliary was organized in Saint Paul's Church, Delaware, Ohio, July 27, 1880. The first work was established at New Orleans, Louisiana; Orangeburg, South Carolina; and at Atlanta, Georgia. The first contribution to the Woman's Home Missionary Society was made by the mother of Bishop Gilbert Haven.

Like the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is very complete and is well adapted to produce the best results. The work is carried on through divisions called Bureaus, each being under the charge of a Bureau secretary. Besides the women's auxiliary societies, there is a Young People's Department. This includes Queen Esther Circles, Young People's Home Missionary Societies, and Young Women Auxiliaries. Provision is also made for Children's Mission Bands.

Efficient officers, carefully chosen committees, and a Board of Managers give every phase of the work aggressive and constant supervision.

It is said that less than one half of the entire population of the United States are connected with any church or Sunday school. This statement suggests the great need of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. This Society offers to the foreigners coming to our shores, as well as to the neglected native born, all the privileges, promises, and blessings which the gospel of Christ can convey. It founds and maintains industrial Homes and schools, training schools for missionaries and deaconesses, children's Homes, rest Homes, deaconess Homes, orphanages, hospitals, city missions, and medical missions. It is prosecuting successful missions among the immigrants, Indians, Mormons, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish-Americans, and the people of the South, and has work in Alaska, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Porto Rico.

Another important work accomplished by the Woman's Home Missionary Society is the sending of a vast amount of supplies every year to needy families in many of our Conferences. Thousands of heroic Methodist preachers and missionaries, together with their wives and children, have been the grateful recipients of these much-needed supplies.

With increasing membership, increasing receipts, and increasing interest, this Society is destined to accomplish a great work in the coming years throughout our beloved homeland.

CHAPTER IV

How to Organize

There is an old maxim which tells us that "well begun is half done." While this is not literally true it suggests a vital truth. It is very important that a new Society should start well. An intelligent and enthusiastic start will mean much in the future development and growth of the Society.

First of all, the ladies who are interested in the new project should meet and, after earnest prayer, should make their plans very carefully. The pastor should be requested to permit the Sunday forenoon hour of worship (or the afternoon if it is the principal service of the day) to be used as the time for organizing. A good woman speaker should be secured from among the National Branch or Conference officers. If such a speaker is not available, then the pastor will be glad to serve you and will give an interesting, forceful message on woman's missionary work, and will close by urging every woman present to become a charter member of the new Society. At the close of his address membership cards should be placed in the hands of every woman. They should be urged to sign and the cards collected. At the close of the service an announcement should be made that all who have signed cards are requested to meet the following Tuesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock (or at some other stated time) for

the purpose of perfecting the organization. At this meeting officers should be elected, committees appointed, Constitution adopted, etc. Immediate plans should then be made to canvass all the ladies of the church who are not already members. For further help and information apply to the general office of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

CHAPTER V

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

For the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

The following Constitution has been adopted by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the government of auxiliary Societies:

Article I. *Name*

This organization shall be called The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of ————————, auxiliary to the ———————— ———————— Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Article II. *Purpose*

The purpose of this Society shall be to aid its Branch in interesting Christian women in the evangelizing of heathen women and in raising funds for this work.

Article III. *Membership*

Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents a week, or one dollar per year, may become a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at a time, shall be constituted a life member.

ARTICLE IV. *Funds*

All funds raised under the auspices of this Society belong to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and shall not be diverted to other causes.

Remittances shall be forwarded quarterly to the Conference Treasurer.

ARTICLE V. *Officers and Elections*

The officers of this Society shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, and supervisor of Children's Work, who shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer its affairs. Managers and superintendents of departments of work may be added as needed. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE VI. *Change of Constitution*

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting, notice of the proposed change having been given to the Branches before April 1st of that year.

The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has not adopted any By-laws for auxiliary Societies. Each Branch makes the By-laws for the auxiliaries of that Branch. The following are the By-laws adopted by the New England Branch for its auxiliaries:

By-Laws

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Society and supervise its general interests.

2. The vice-presidents, in the order of election, shall preside in the absence of the president, and aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. The recording secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Society, and keep a full record of the proceedings of each meeting.

4. The corresponding secretary shall promptly report the organization to the district secretary, conduct the correspondence of the Society, fill the blanks for quarterly reports, and return the same to the district secretary on or before the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall also transact all business relating to the paper with the publisher of the Woman's Missionary Friend.

5. The treasurer shall receive all money for the treasury, and make remittance to the Conference treasurer on or before the 29th of December, March, June, and September, and keep an accurate account of the same. She may also furnish a card receipt, properly dated, to every contributor to the funds of the auxiliary.

6. The supervisor of Children's Work shall have charge of the work among the children, devising methods to secure their interest and cooperation, and shall solicit subscriptions to the Junior Missionary Friend unless otherwise provided for.

7. It shall be the duty of the managers to

solicit memberships and subscribers for the Woman's Missionary Friend, to aid in disseminating missionary intelligence, and in arousing the women of the Church to an appreciation of their privilege thus to labor.

FOR THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The following Constitution and By-laws have been adopted by the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the government of auxiliary Societies:

Constitution

Article I. *Name*

This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ————————, auxiliary to the ———————— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Article II. *Object*

The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of the needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

Article III. *Membership*

Any person paying one dollar per year and ten cents contingent fund may become a member of this Society and any person contributing five

dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

Article IV. *Officers*

The officers of this Society shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents, a recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, secretary of literature, and such other department secretaries as may be thought advisable, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

Article V. *Meetings*

Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ——— day of ———, when the annual reports of the secretary and treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

Article VI. *Amendments*

This Constitution may be amended only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

By-Laws

1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform the duty of the president in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly of the condition and work of the auxiliary to the district secretary when the District Association is organized; otherwise to the Conference secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the corresponding secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati. It shall also be the duty of the corresponding secretaries, when no other person is appointed, to faithfully solicit subscriptions to Woman's Home Missions and Children's Home Missions.

5. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the treasurer of the General Society.

6. It shall be the duty of the secretary of literature to provide and care for one or more sets of books in the Home Missionary Reading Circle. She shall keep a file of Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions, and the Annual Reports for reference; take and forward orders for the same. She shall keep a careful record and report regularly to the auxiliary.

7. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) Reading and approval of minutes; (3) Reports from members of

work done; (4) Report of treasurer, in writing; (5) Report of corresponding secretary; (6) Unfinished business; (7) Miscellaneous business; (8) "Concert Lesson"; (9) Adjournment.

8. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

CHAPTER VI

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business may be determined by each local society. The following order, however, will prove entirely satisfactory in most societies:

I. Call to Order.
II. Singing. (See Chapter X.)
III. Scripture Reading. (See Chapter VIII.)
IV. Prayer. (See Chapter IX.)
V. Reading of the Minutes of the last meeting, and their approval.
VI. Reports from Regular or Special Committees, Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer.
VII. Unfinished Business.
VIII. New Business.
IX. Mission Study.
X. Singing. (See Chapter X.)
XI. Benediction, repeated by all:

Dear Lord, as we part, let the light of thy countenance shine upon us. Grant us thy peace, and lead us in the way everlasting. For thy name's sake. Amen.

XII. Adjournment.

CHAPTER VII

RULES OF ORDER

The following digest of parliamentary law is not complete by any means. Only such rules are suggested as may be required by the average Society. The rules are purposely stated in the plainest language in order that they may be clearly understood by all. It would be well for every Society to adopt these standard Rules of Order to govern their meetings. The adoption of these rules will do much to prevent confusion, discord, and misunderstandings.

I. Bringing Business Before the Meeting

There are two ways in which business should be brought before the meeting: first, by a motion of one of the members; second, by the presentation of a written communication.

II. A Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn cannot be debated, cannot be amended, and cannot be reconsidered.

III. An Amendment to a Motion

An amendment to a motion may take any of the following forms: (1) Something may be added. (2) Words, sentences, or paragraphs may be stricken out. (3) Some words may be stricken out and others inserted. (4) A different motion

on the same subject may be substituted. (5) The question may be divided into two or more questions as specified by the mover, in order to secure a separate vote on any particular point or points.

IV. An Amendment of an Amendment

An amendment of an amendment cannot be amended.

V. Amending Rules of Order

Rules of Order can be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment was submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

VI. Motions Which Cannot be Amended

The following motions cannot be amended, namely, to adjourn, for the orders of the day, all incidental questions, to lay on the table, for the previous question, an amendment of an amendment, to postpone indefinitely, to reconsider.

VII. Appeals

Appeals are debatable, cannot be amended, can be reconsidered, and are in order when another has the floor. An appeal, however, relating to indecorum, is undebatable.

VIII. A Call to Order

A call to order cannot be debated or amended, can be reconsidered, does not require to be seconded, and is in order when another has the floor.

IX. A Motion to Close the Debate

A motion to close the debate cannot be debated, amended, or reconsidered, requires a two-thirds vote, and is not in order when another has the floor.

X. A Motion to Commit or Refer

A motion to commit or refer is debatable, can be amended or reconsidered, and is not in order when another has the floor.

XI. A Motion to Extend Limits of a Debate

A motion to extend the limits of a debate cannot be debated, can be amended or reconsidered, requires a two-thirds vote, and is not in order when another has the floor.

XII. A Motion to Lay on the Table

A motion to lay on the table cannot be debated, cannot be amended, is not in order when another has the floor, and an affirmative vote on this question cannot be reconsidered.

XIII. A Motion to Limit the Debate

A motion to limit the debate cannot be debated, can be amended or reconsidered, requires a two-thirds vote, and is not in order when another has the floor.

XIV. A Motion for the Orders of the Day

A motion for the orders of the day cannot be debated, cannot be amended, can be reconsidered,

does not require to be seconded, and is in order when another has the floor.

XV. A Motion to Postpone Indefinitely

A motion to postpone indefinitely can be debated, cannot be amended, can be reconsidered, and is not in order when another has the floor.

XVI. A Motion for the Previous Question

A motion for the previous question cannot be debated, cannot be amended, can be reconsidered, requires a two-thirds vote, and is not in order when another has the floor. If the previous question is adopted, all debate must cease and the Society votes on the pending question only, except where the pending motion is an amendment or a motion to commit, when it also applies to the question to be amended or committed.

XVII. Reading Papers

When papers are placed before the Society, every member has a right to have them read once before being compelled to vote on them.

XVIII. A Motion to Reconsider a Debatable Question

A motion to reconsider a debatable question can be debated, cannot be amended or reconsidered, is in order when another has the floor, but cannot interrupt business then before the Society, must be made on the day, or the day after, the original vote was taken, and by one who voted with the majority.

XIX. A Motion to Reconsider an Undebatable Question

A motion to reconsider an undebatable question cannot be debated. In other particulars the rules are the same as under XVIII.

XX. A Motion to Rescind

A motion to rescind can be debated, amended or reconsidered, and is not in order when another has the floor.

XXI. A Substitute Motion

(Same as an Amendment to a Motion. See III.)

XXII. A Motion to Suspend the Rules

A motion to suspend the rules cannot be debated, amended, or reconsidered, requires a two-thirds vote, and is not in order when another has the floor.

XXIII. A Motion to Take from the Table

A motion to take from the table cannot be debated or amended, an affirmative vote on this motion cannot be reconsidered, and it is not in order when another has the floor.

XXIV. Taking a Question out of its Proper Order

A motion to take up a question out of its proper order cannot be debated or amended, can be reconsidered, requires a two-thirds vote, and is not in order when another has the floor.

XXV. A Motion to Withdraw a Motion

A motion to withdraw a motion cannot be debated or amended, can be reconsidered, and is not in order when another has the floor.

Notes on the Above Rules

In order to adopt any of the above motions a majority vote is necessary except where a two-thirds vote is indicated.

All the above motions are required to be seconded except VII and XIV.

None of the above motions open the main question to debate except X, XV, XVIII, and XX.

CHAPTER VIII

APPROPRIATE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The World's Messiah. Isa. 53.
The Great Invitation. Isa. 55.
An Old Missionary Hymn. Psa. 2.
Christ's Triumphs Foretold. Psa. 72.
Encouragement for Sowers. Psa. 121 and 126.
Light Amid Darkness. Isa. 60.
In the World to Save the World. John 17.
The Only Hope of the Heathen World. 1 Pet. 1.
Marching Orders of the Church. Mark 16. 14-20.
Why Christ Came. John 3. 14-21.
How God Saved a Missionary. Acts 27. 21-44.
How Missionaries Die. Acts 7. 51-60.
The One by One Method. Acts 8. 26-40.
The Missionary's Message. Acts 17. 16-31.
An Exhortation. 1 Thess. 5. 6-24.
Paul's Beautiful Prayer. Eph. 3. 14-21.
The Macedonian Cry. Acts 16. 6-15.
Our Eternal Reward. Rev. 21. 1-7; 21-27.

CHAPTER IX

APPROPRIATE PRAYERS

Almighty God, the earth is thine, "and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein." Every blade of grass, every unfolding leaf, every flower, every enchanting valley, every towering mountain, every sea and ocean, every planet and sun—these are the visible expressions of thy power, wisdom, and love. But in man we find the highest expression of thy thought. "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor." Help us to realize and appreciate our exalted position in this world. But help us, our Father, to remember also that there are vast numbers of our fellow creatures who do not recognize thee as their Creator, Father, and Friend. May we esteem it the greatest privilege of our lives to have a part in the great work of enlightening and saving the world. May we be willing to toil, to give, to sacrifice in order to send the gospel light to every nation and every tribe. Wilt thou not bless us in the present session of our Society? Give us wisdom that we may plan wisely, grace that we may execute faithfully, courage that we may work persistently. And some sweet day, when our earthly toils are over, permit us to enter the heavenly life. We ask all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessed Lord Jesus, we thank thee for the exalted privilege of scattering the seeds of living

words and deeds along life's way. We rejoice because we have so many encouragements in the work of sowing. We bless thee for the sweet assurance that if we prayerfully cast our "bread upon the waters," we shall "find it after many days"; that if we "sow in tears," we "shall reap in joy"; that while some seed-sowing shall be in vain, other sowing will result in marvelous increase; that "he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." May such assuring promises give us courage, hope, and persistence in the great work of seed-sowing. God forbid that we should become discouraged because we do not here and now see more seed reach fruitage. May we ever bear in mind the fact that,

> "The tears of the sower and the songs of the reaper,
> Shall mingle together in joy by and by."

Help us then, day by day, to be faithful sowers of the seed and to be willing to leave the results with thee. And when thou makest up thy jewels in the better land, may we see some among them who were brought to thee through our seed-sowing. Hear us in this our prayer and grant us thy special blessing and direction in the work before us. In His name. Amen.

We thank thee, our Father, for this great country of ours, for its peace and prosperity, for its wondrous development and marvelous resources. Especially do we rejoice that as a nation our trust is in thee. We bless thee that thy Church is a

conquering force in our national life; that "like a mighty army moves the Church of God" in every part of our vast domain. Help us to realize the solemn fact, however, that we are face to face with a very serious problem in our beloved homeland. There are large numbers in our cities, on our frontiers, and among the mountains who know not our Christ. We would break to them the bread of life, we would teach them thy precepts, we would point them to Christ as their only hope, we would love them as thou dost love them. Wilt thou not grant us wisdom and strength in the prosecution of this great task? We pray that our great nation may be a Christian nation not only in name but in deed and in truth. May the Christ thought and the Christ spirit permeate every phase of our national life. As a Society may we do well our little part in making our homeland more like unto the heavenly land. To thee be all the glory. Amen.

Dear heavenly Father, thou hast "made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth"; thou didst send thine only Son "to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh"; thou art not willing that any should perish, but that all men everywhere should seek thy forgiveness; thou didst "so love the world" that thou didst give thy Son for its redemption. Help us to more fully appreciate the magnitude of thy love for us and thy interest in us. Enlarge our hearts, widen our vision, and enkindle our zeal, that we may more earnestly desire the salvation of all men. Grant that people

everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; that the nations of the earth may be brought into thy fold; that the heathen may be added to thine inheritance. May we joyously do our part, as a Society, to hasten the coming of thy kingdom. Then when we stand before the great white throne, may we hear thee say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." For thy sake. Amen.

O Lord our God, we desire to give thee thanks for the missionaries of the cross in our homeland and in foreign lands who are breaking the bread of life to the perishing millions of earth. We thank thee for their consecration, their devotion to humanity, their spiritual heroism. We pray for thy richest blessing to rest upon each and every one of them. Grant them physical as well as spiritual strength for their great work. Impart unto them wisdom and give them grace according to their need. May their hearts be comforted and their zeal quickened by seeing many bow at the feet of Jesus and crown him as Lord of lords. May all their tasks be hallowed and sweetened by the abiding presence of Him who hath said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." And may we have a keen sense of our responsibility toward them. May it be a great joy to us to give them our hearty and loyal support. May we emulate their consecration, their zeal, their heroism. May each and every one of us realize that God has a distinct mission for us in the world. May our Society be fully conscious of its great mission, and may thy special

blessing rest upon us as we seek to fulfill that mission. We ask in the name of Him who sacrificed all for us. Amen.

Blessed Saviour, we praise thee for thy matchless love which caused thee to die on Calvary for our redemption. We bless thee that thou didst assume the form of a servant, that thou wast tempted in all points like we are, that thou hast triumphed over sin and death, and that thou dost ever live to make intercession for us. We thank thee for the words of life that fell from thy sacred lips, for the miracles thou didst perform, for the perfect example thou hast left us. We rejoice because thy gospel is the most potent power for the dissemination of truth and righteousness in the world to-day. Especially do we render thanks for the heroes and heroines of the cross who are faithfully proclaiming the message of salvation on our missionary fields throughout the world. We pray most earnestly that thy gospel may spread from shore to shore and from pole to pole, until every nation and every tribe shall be brought under thy divine scepter. Thou art the world's star of hope and the world's only Saviour. May we esteem it the greatest privilege of our lives to point the sinful to thee. Grant that we may be so loyal to thee in this present life, that in the better life we may hear thee say, "Well done, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." And to God the Son, who purchased our redemption, shall be the praise evermore. Amen.

O gracious Lord, we humbly thank thee for the Woman's Foreign and Woman's Home Missionary

Societies of our beloved Church. We thank thee that thou hast blessed these organizations in a wonderful manner from their very beginning unto the living present. We praise thee for the history of their splendid achievements in the great work of reaching and uplifting the needy, the ignorant, and the sinful. We remember with fervent gratitude those noble women who founded and nourished these Societies. May the mantle of these noble women fall on us. We pray for all the officers and members of these two great Societies. May divine wisdom and strength be given to those who lead us in our missionary campaign on behalf of our needy sisters. Especially do we pray for the membership of our own local Society. We ask that the spirit of Jesus Christ may characterize each of our members, that the missionary spirit of the Master may imbue us, that we may be instant in season and out of season in doing his will. Graciously assist us in all our undertakings, and may our Society and our individual lives be constantly enriched by Christlike words and deeds. For his sake who freely gave his life for the world, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Eternal God, we would devoutly bless thee for what the gospel of thy Son has accomplished for woman in the world. We thank thee that her physical condition has been greatly improved, that her social privileges have been greatly enlarged, that her intellectual life has been greatly enriched, that her industrial position has been greatly advanced, that her domestic life has been

greatly bettered, that her spiritual life has been greatly enhanced. Yea, we bless thee that woman's life has been made purer, sweeter, happier, richer, more useful because Jesus Christ came into the world. Because the gospel has done so much for us, we are exceedingly desirous that its saving power should be realized by our sisters who still abide in spiritual darkness. We pray that thy richest blessing may rest upon our missionaries and teachers who are engaged in the sacred work of enlightening and saving the womanhood of the world. In our homeland and in all foreign lands may great success attend the consecrated efforts of thy servants. In this present session of our Society may we be conscious of thy presence in our midst. Guide us, teach us, encourage us, use us, and when the toils of earth are past receive us into thine eternal habitations. For thy dear name's sake. Amen.

Dear Saviour, as we open our meeting this afternoon we look to thee for thy blessing and thy guidance. We are engaged in a great undertaking. We would feel unequal to the task if thou hadst not commanded it and hadst not promised to give us sufficient wisdom and strength. Blessed be thy holy name, thou dost not leave us to struggle alone in accomplishing this task. Thou hast not only commanded thy children to go "into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," but thou hast also promised to be with them "alway, even unto the end of the world." Supported by this gracious assurance, our teachers and missionaries have gone forth to every quarter

of the earth. Thou hast been with them in their sorrows and their joys, in their trials and their triumphs. God bless, we pray thee, these noble, self-sacrificing women who are in the very forefront of the battle to-day. As they toil for thee and for us, may we cheer them by our loving efforts and generous gifts. We pray that all the women in our Church may become imbued with the missionary spirit and that more of them may identify themselves with the work of our Society. For Christ's sake. Amen.

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

CHAPTER X

APPROPRIATE HYMNS

1. Blest Be the Tie that Binds.
2. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
3. The Son of God Goes Forth to War.
4. Take My Life and Let It Be.
5. The Call for Reapers.
6. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.
7. To the Work!
8. Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?
9. Will There Be Any Stars?
10. Am I a Soldier of the Cross?
11. The Morning Light Is Breaking.
12. Rescue the Perishing.
13. Jesus Shall Reign.
14. Work, for the Night Is Coming.
15. Joy to the World!
16. Over the Ocean Wave.
17. From Greenland's Icy Mountains.
18. There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.
19. God Be with You.
20. I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord.
21. Doxology.

CHAPTER XI

HOW TO RAISE MONEY

One of the chief purposes of all missionary organizations is to raise money for the support of the work. Each local Society should definitely plan and work to raise as much money as possible. As a preliminary measure it would be well to secure literature on Christian giving, stewardship, and tithing and distribute the same among the ladies of the church. It would also be well to devote a part or all of a meeting occasionally to a discussion of the financial interests involved. The following plans for raising money are all feasible and have proved to be successful in many Societies.

1. *Dues.* It is best for the treasurer to collect the dues monthly. Most of the collecting can be done at the regular meetings.

2. *Life Membership.* Ladies of means should be tactfully approached and urged to take life memberships.

3. *Annual Thank Offering.* Arrange with the pastor for a Sunday service. Request him to make an appropriate address or secure one of the national, State, or district officers. Provide plenty of envelopes with place to write name and amount contributed. You will secure more by this method than by simply taking a loose collection. Be sure to have inspiring music and have

the church tastefully decorated. The president of the Society should preside at this service.

4. *Mite Boxes.* A mite box should be placed in the home of every member. This box should not be kept in the pantry or on some shelf, but on the center table in the living room. A judicious effort should be made to get every member of the household interested in that mite box. It would not be good taste to say anything directly to callers about the mite box, but some of them will contribute voluntarily if you keep it on your center table.

5. *Self-Denial Week.* This plan is usually effective when properly managed. First of all, get every member of the Society pledged to support it. Then let each member try to get her family interested in it. Get along without butter, meat, luxuries, etc., for a week. Save by doing your own washing, cleaning, etc. Walk instead of taking the street car. Keep an accurate record of all you save or earn and take to the next meeting of the Society.

6. Have a luncheon at the close of every monthly meeting. Collect ten cents from each person present. This will always be paid cheerfully and will materially increase the receipts during the year.

7. *A Penny Crusade.* A device called the "Champion Coin Collector" may be secured from our Book Concern. It costs little and earns much. The device is a foot long and so arranged that the coins are visible. It may be had in two colors, thus making it possible to carry out the contest plan if desired. One hundred feet costs $2.25, and

will earn $16 in pennies. These devices may be given to the men, the young people and the children. They will all be glad to fill at least one strip, and the result will surprise and please you. The Thanksgiving season is an appropriate time to carry out this plan.

8. *The Missionary Concert.* This can be made a great success at least once a year. The pastor will permit you to take the hour for the regular Sunday evening service. Arrange the program very carefully. Avoid long or prosy addresses. Let the program consist of missionary hymns, special music by the choir, recitations by little children, instrumental and vocal solos, short address by the pastor, etc. The church should be prettily decorated. Take a thank offering for missions at the close of the concert.

9. *An Easter Supper.* This can be served on the eve of Easter, which is a very appropriate time for emphasizing missions. Let the menu consist largely of eggs served in various ways. Instead of making a charge for the supper, invite contributions. Place an empty hen's egg at the side of each plate. Cut a slot in the end of the egg for the introduction of coins. Write or paste on each egg the following: "Inclose your offering for Missions." At the close of the supper let the president of the Society break the eggs and announce the amount in each one as she breaks it. Decorate appropriately. Use all kinds of eggs—china eggs, candy eggs, hen's eggs, goose eggs, etc. Cut out eggs from colored cardboard and make into festoons. Have the menu printed on egg-shaped card-

board. Put a miniature paper egg on each guest. Toy and candy chickens may be used. Adorn the table with Easter lilies.

10. *Installation Thank Offering.* Some Societies, after the annual election of officers, have a public installation service. This service is made popular and attractive, and an offering for the Society is taken at its close.

11. *One Day's Work for Missions.* Women who receive wages give the wages of one day for missions. Other women take in a day's sewing or go out and work for a day. Others persuade their husbands to give them their wages for a day. This plan has produced most satisfactory results in many churches.

12. *Rummage Sale.* This is so familiar that a description is unnecessary. Some Societies have raised considerable by this method.

13. *A Missionary Exhibit.* This demands much preparation, but always pays well. Borrow pictures, souvenirs, etc., representative of foreign lands. Many homes have a few articles of missionary interest and in a city there will be no trouble in securing all you desire. Then have a number of booths representing the various countries. At a small cost some children and ladies can be dressed in costumes suggestive of India, Japan, etc. Articles from the different countries may be placed on sale. A short, popular entertainment may be rendered and lunch served. An admission may be charged or a freewill offering taken.

14. *Special Gifts.* This form of missionary activity is increasing throughout the world. Often-

times a person may be induced to give for a special object when little can be secured for the general work. Women of means especially should be interviewed and asked to assume the support of an orphan, a student, a native missionary, or to build a rural chapel, a home or a school. This helps the giver to take a keener interest in all missionary work, while it enlarges the work the Societies are trying to accomplish.

15. *Bequests.* Judicious efforts should be made to interest people of means in making bequests to the general Society. This matter should receive greater attention.

16. *Annuities.* Gifts upon which semiannual interest is paid to the donors during life. This plan appeals to many people of moderate means who need the interest on their money during life.

NOTE.—Many other legitimate plans for raising money are suggested in my book, The Ladies' Aid Manual.

CHAPTER XII

MISSIONARY STUDIES AND ADDRESSES

It is not my purpose in this chapter to outline studies for use in the regular monthly meetings of the Society. Most excellent studies for this purpose are furnished by the general Societies and ought to be used by every local Society. My purpose is rather to emphasize the importance and proper use of such studies and also to suggest a few outlines for supplemental studies and addresses.

IMPORTANCE OF SUCH STUDIES

1. They are very important from the standpoint of their educational value. Hosea wrote, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." When we succeed in educating our people sufficiently in the various phases of the missionary campaign, we will experience no difficulty in securing funds to push our work. The monthly mission study in thousands of our woman's Societies is enlightening our Methodist womanhood concerning the needs and possibilities of Christian missions.

2. These studies add much to the interest and attractiveness of the monthly meeting. If such studies are properly conducted, they will make the meeting a delight rather than a burden. Thoughtful women will desire to go because they know they will not only find the hour an instructive one but also a delightful one.

3. These studies simplify the task of arranging the annual program. They have been prepared with great care by the general officers of the Society with special reference to the present needs of the work. By using these studies the local Society knows the mission study program for months in advance and finds it easy to plan accordingly.

4. These studies increase the power and efficiency of the Society. Lord Bacon says, "Knowledge is power." This is certainly true when applied to the missionary problem. Multitudes of our women are gathering much information in these monthly studies. But this is not all—they transform this knowledge into power and go forth to scatter missionary fire and information.

5. For the reasons suggested above it is obviously the duty of every local Society to adopt these studies and push them vigorously.

HOW TO CONDUCT SUCH STUDIES

1. The leaders of the study should make careful preparation. Many a mission study hour has been dull and tedious simply because the leader or leaders have made no preparation. To read a leaflet in a careless, spiritless manner is sufficient to put any Society to sleep. The literature is simply intended for guidance. The leader should master the facts and present them to the Society without depending upon the printed page. She should also get information concerning the subject from other sources. The hour should be made a study and not a reading class.

2. The leaders should use maps and charts in connection with the study. It is much easier to hold the attention if you make an appeal to the eye. A good map of the country you are studying should be on the wall. Charts illustrating missionary growth, financial development, etc., should be freely used.

3. All the members should be ready to discuss the subject, ask questions, offer bits of information they have gleaned from private reading, etc. This makes the occasion one of general interest and profit.

4. Do not prolong the study until it becomes tiresome. You do not want your pastor to preach long sermons, and, reasoning from the same premise, mission studies should not be too long. If you hold too long sessions, some women will stop coming, although they may not tell the reason why. A twenty-minute study, full of spirit and purpose, will produce better results than a forty-minute study listlessly conducted.

5. The leader should become enthused over the subject before going to the meeting. She can do this by earnestly pleading with God to help her in the preparation for the study and in conducting it. To snatch a missionary leaflet at the last moment and rush to the Society and read it, will do very little good. To pray for God's special blessing and direction in preparation and leadership and to go to the meeting with the mind stored with facts and the heart burning with missionary fire, will make the meeting an inspiring and profitable one.

6. Every member should take her turn in leading or in assisting to lead a study. In this way every member becomes actively identified with this important work and feels a sense of responsibility in reference to it.

SUPPLEMENTARY STUDIES AND ADDRESSES

The following outlines are merely suggestive. They will afford a foundation for studies or addresses on special occasions.

I. *The Magnitude of Our Task*

"The field is the world."

1. The field from a geographical and a statistical standpoint.
2. The moral condition of the field before the birth of modern missions.
3. Present moral condition of the field.
4. What has been accomplished in the field.
5. Present attitude of the Church toward the field.
6. Our relationship as individuals to the field.
7. The message the field needs.

II. *Why the Time is Opportune for Fulfilling the Great Commission*

1. The whole world is now open for missionary effort.
2. The false religions of the world are losing in numbers and influence.
3. The printing press is a mighty ally in assisting the Church.
4. The people on our missionary fields the world over are manifesting an increased interest in the gospel of Christ.

5. The power of the world is now largely in the hands of Christian nations.

6. Many consecrated workers are ready to go at the call of the Church.

III. *Reflex Influence of Missions*

1. This is seen in the realm of commerce. Fifty years of missionary work in the Hawaiian Islands cost $1,200,000. In 1909 the exports and imports amounted to about $50,000,000.

2. This is seen in the realm of science. The missionaries have contributed much scientific knowledge to the world.

3. This is seen in the realm of civilization. The missionaries have greatly enlarged the domain of civilization.

4. This is seen in the realm of the intellect. Missionaries have introduced schools everywhere. They have changed the intellectual attitude of the heathen nations toward the civilized world.

5. This is seen in the realm of character development. The world has never seen finer characters than the missionaries. Their toils and sacrifices have done much in inspiring the home Church to live better and do more.

IV. *Why Home Missions?*

1. Because of Christ's command: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "Go ye into all the world," etc.

2. Because home missions are in harmony with the spirit of early Christianity. (See Acts 1. 8.)

3. Because of the great spiritual destitution and need in many parts of the homeland.

4. Because the past history of home missions fully justifies the most earnest efforts of the present.

5. Because the evangelization of the homeland would ultimately mean the evangelization of the world.

V. *Woman's Indebtedness to Christianity*

1. Christianity has greatly promoted the law of monogamy and enhanced the sacredness of marriage.

2. Christianity has given woman a title to equal rights and equal honors with man.

3. Christianity has given a new meaning to motherhood.

4. Christianity has made the education of woman a glorious reality.

5. Christianity has freed woman from the unjust dominion of man.

6. Christianity has greatly enlarged the scope of woman's social privileges.

VI. *Our Incentives*

1. It is well pleasing to our Lord.

2. It broadens our sympathy, ennobles our character, enriches our womanhood.

3. It results in the accomplishment of a vast amount of good.

4. It greatly enhances the effectiveness of our home church work.

5. It leads to a blessed reward. (See Daniel 12. 3.)

VII. *Christianity and Childhood*

1. Christianity places an entirely new value on the child.
2. Christianity has done much toward abolishing child murder and child marriage.
3. Christianity teaches that the child is a member of the kingdom of God.
4. Christianity has given childhood an exalted position in poetry and in art.
5. Christianity has taught the world the equality of the sexes in childhood.
6. Christianity has taught the world to reverence the child as the rich gift of God.
7. Christianity has taught the ethnic religions the necessity and value of educating and training the child.

VIII. *Why We Must Advance*

1. The material resources of the Church were never as great as now.
2. The opportunities in all our mission fields were never as great as now.
3. Volunteers for the field were never so many as now.
4. The crying need of our sisters was never so evident as now.
5. The present rewards for heroic service were never as promising as now.

IX. *Why Save the Immigrant?*

1. Because more than one half of the present population of the United States are foreign born or of foreign parentage.

2. Because their children will largely determine our religious, social, and industrial conditions.

3. Because large numbers of these people come from non-Christian lands, and in saving them we are actually doing foreign missionary work at home.

4. Because the ignorance, poverty, superstition, and religious destitution of the vast majority of these immigrants is great.

5. Because the political situation of to-morrow will be largely determined by these people.

6. Because to Christianize these people means to make the highest type of American citizens.

7. Because if Methodism fails in America to measure up to her God-given opportunity, she will surely lose on every foreign field.

X. *Growth of Foreign Missions During the Nineteenth Century*

1. In the number of missionary societies.
2. In the number of fields occupied.
3. In the number of workers employed.
4. In the number of heathen converts.
5. In the changed sentiments toward missions.
6. In the number of schools established.
7. In the various methods and agencies used.

XI. *Condition of Women in Pagan Lands*

1. They are regarded with contempt.
2. They have few educational advantages.
3. They have little or no choice in entering the marriage relation.

4. Polygamy destroys the sacredness of domestic life.

5. Marriage obligations are ignored and divorce notoriously easy and common.

6. Multitudes of heathen women are secluded from the society of men and are virtually prisoners in the harems.

7. They do many kinds of degrading work which is not permitted in Christian lands.

8. Very little value is placed on their lives.

9. They lack the virtues and charms which make Christian womanhood so beautiful.

XII. *Value of Medical Missions*

1. They are founded on a universal need.

2. They are often the forerunners of evangelism.

3. They give access to doors which otherwise would be closed.

4. They afford a natural approach to the spiritual needs of the people.

5. They are permanent agencies of evangelism.

6. They do much in overthrowing the superstitions of the heathen concerning the body and its treatment.

7. They are in harmony with the example of Christ.

CHAPTER XIII

MISSIONARY LITERATURE

The special literature of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society should be read by every member of every Society. No Society can accomplish the best results without the aid of this literature.

The following are the periodicals of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society: The Woman's Missionary Friend, the Children's Missionary Friend, Der Frauen Missions Freund, and The Study. Besides, a number of periodicals are issued in foreign lands. The interdenominational Foreign Mission Study Course should be pursued by every Auxiliary. Information concerning literature can be obtained by writing to the depot of supplies of the Branch within which the inquirer resides, or the Publication Office, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

The periodicals of the Woman's Home Missionary Society are as follows: Woman's Home Missions, Children's Home Missions, an interdenominational Home Mission Study Course, and leaflet literature. Information concerning this literature can be obtained by writing to Miss Alice M. Guernsey, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Much of the following literature will be of special interest to women, a number of the books suggested having been written by women. It

would be an excellent plan for the women in every church to purchase these books and establish a missionary library. All of the books suggested may be purchased from our Book Concern. A complete list of missionary literature will be cheerfully furnished by writing our Book Concern. The price quoted below includes postage.

1. The Immigrant Tide. By E. A. Steiner. Cloth, $1.50.

2. Mormonism, the Islam of America. By Bruce Kinney. Cloth, 55 cents; paper, 35 cents.

3. Child Life in Mission Lands. By R. E. Diffendorfer. Cloth, 50 cents; paper, 28 cents.

4. Eminent Missionary Women. By Mrs. J. T. Gracey. Cloth, 85 cents.

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6. In Journeyings Oft. By Georgiana Baucus. Sketch of the life and travels of Mary C. Nind. Describes a tour of the stations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Cloth, $1.

7. The Miracle of the Nineteenth Century. Do Missions Pay? By B. R. Cowen. Paper, 10 cents.

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9. First Decade of the Woman's Foreign Mis-

sionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Sketches of Its Missionaries. By Mary S. Wheeler. Cloth, $1.

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The Missionary Growth of the Methodist Episcopal Church. By H. K. Carroll.

South America: A Mission Field. By Bishop Thomas B. Neely.

The Way of the Lord Prepared. By A. B. Leonard.

CHAPTER XIV

MISSIONARY ARROWS

THE following brief quotations will be found helpful and suggestive in the preparation of missionary studies and addresses. One or more of them might be taken as the basis for an open discussion in the monthly meeting:

Mrs. J. T. Gracey, speaking of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, said: "Its record is inspiring. Its history is to be the heritage of the Church. Its lines have gone out unto the ends of the earth. To multitudes of human hearts it has been the agency of making known the life and love of Jesus Christ."

The Woman's Home Missionary Society promises you that just wherever our flag goes, there we will turn our eyes and follow it, and uplift the gospel, the banner of our Emmanuel, that women and children may be rescued from their darkness, their ignorance, and their superstition.—*Mrs. May L. Woodruff.*

God is not dead. His children may be timid and asleep, but he never sleeps. He glances forward to a future we may never see, but which we may help make real.—*Mrs. W. P. Thirkield.*

Should we not be ambitious, every one of us, to present such a view of our own Christian religion to the people that come to us from abroad that

they will fall in love with Jesus Christ as they look into our faces?—*Mrs. Delia L. Williams.*

Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.—*William Carey.*

The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ must sustain the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.—*Bishop Janes.*

Look, sir, to your marching orders, "Preach the gospel to every creature."—*The Duke of Wellington* (to a young officer who criticized as useless the preaching of the gospel to the Hindus).

We touched heathenism, formerly, at a few points of a small circumference; to-day we touch it at every point of a vast circumference, and we need men and money and spiritual power vastly beyond our present resources in order to do the work imperatively called for by these successes. —*Bishop Andrews.*

Our opportunity is great. Our ability is great. Our responsibility is great. And our success, under the blessing of God, will be correspondingly great, if we prove to be equal to the times in which we live.—*A. B. Leonard.*

As we view the splendid array, led by the great Captain of our salvation and terrible as an army with banners; as we hear the martial tread of the mighty hosts of God shaking the continents, and catch the strains, in many tongues, of their songs of victory, we take courage. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"—*H. K. Carroll.*

Opportunity is power. What we ought to do we can do. When God opens a door before a people, that is his command to them to enter, and his promise to back them to the extent of his resources. . . . God has opened the great doors of the world to Methodism and is beckoning her to enter in and possess the kingdom.—*Bishop Fowler.*

A live missionary church is a church that is always alive to every interest of the home work. The reason why many churches are languishing in their home work is because they have not caught the missionary spirit and have failed to get the Christ vision of the world.—*R. E. Smith.*

Give them [the Negroes] well-appointed, God-selected, thoroughly consecrated leaders, and the years will come on when the Church will see that for every tear shed and for every dollar invested the Negro race will present divine characters cleansed, purified, educated, fit for the Master's use.—*J. W. E. Bowen.*

I believe that the day is coming when there will be no need for a man to say to his neighbor, "Know the Lord; for all shall know him, from the least unto the greatest."—*Bishop McCabe.*

If I could have a thousand tongues and each of them could be inspired with the faith of the prophets of old, all should be dedicated to pleading for that continent. O Africa, for thee I pray, for thee I plead, and, if need be, for thee I die.—*Bishop Hartzell.*

There is no such thing as going back in the true missionary field. There is no turning of the back upon any foe. Our face is to the front, and we must maintain that attitude until all the millions of earth are converted to God. There is no going back—*Bishop Thoburn.*

Try to imagine what our own civilization would be with the idea of God as a loving Father and Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord eliminated from our thought. It would mean the destruction of all we hold dear and precious in our modern life. That is the condition of eight hundred millions of our brothers and sisters in the pagan world at this hour. A despairing, hopeless world cries from the Stygian darkness of heathenism, "Come over and help us."—*E. M. Taylor.*

It is a time of marvelous opportunity. The world is better known and more accessible; its need is more articulate and intelligible, and our ability to meet that need is far greater than ever before. . . . The Church must go forward because of the urgency of the task.—*John R. Mott.*

He is "traveling in the greatness of his strength"; and as surely as the throne of God abides, we know He shall yet reach the height and splendor of the highest noon, and that the light of millennial glory shall yet flood the earth.—*Mark Hopkins.*

If the men who sacrificed their lives, and those who gave of their substance to send the Christian gospel to our savage ancestors in Europe had not believed in foreign missions, where would we be

to-day? . . . We believe in missions because we believe in God.—*George Sherwood Eddy.*

The Laymen's Missionary Movement is the conscience of the Church awakened to moral sense of responsibility to carry the fight to alien paganism. The fight will be won only by the desperate earnestness in Christ which marked the beginning of it on Galilee and Calvary.—*R. P. Shepherd.*

May we hear His voice ringing down through ages of selfishness and luxury and neglected duty, solemnly declaring that the measure of our love for our brethren must be nothing less than the measure of his own. May He touch all our hearts with the spirit of self-sacrifice and with the inspiration of that love of His which, when He came to redeem the world, kept nothing back. —*Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop.*

O Lord, revive thy work! Let the heathen be given to thy Son for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession.—*Bishop Warren.*

There is no danger of our people giving too much. The chief danger consists in limiting the opportunities to give. A truly missionary church will have no difficulty in raising money for home expenses.—*R. E. Smith.*

There is needed one more revival among Christians—a revival of Christian giving. When that revival comes the kingdom of God will come in a day.—*Horace Bushnell.*

We must meet our responsibility or lose the divine favor. Our own spiritual and church life depend on our faithful answer to God's rare call. No generation ever had the chance to do for God what he is offering us. If we do it not, our own life will go out, our own Church will disintegrate and fail from the earth. And it ought to die if it ceases to do the work God gives it.—*J. P. Porter.*

In the day when the light of eternity shall shine upon the doings of the earth, it will be seen that the queenly women who shared the toil and sacrifice with noble men in obscure places, were prominent factors in the problem of the world's redemption.—*Robert Forbes.*

Our missionaries live and work in the midst of a mighty tide surging in an opposite direction. They are pulling, leading, teaching, and directing in ceaseless effort. There is a constant tug on their sympathies and strength which is appalling. It is no wonder that many of them break under it.—*Mrs. William F. McDowell.*

One fourth of the whole human race here [China] await the dawn of a new spiritual day. The door was never so wide open as it is now. The Church of our day can plant the Christian banner in every community of this vast empire if it will. I know of no greater opportunity for the investment either of one's life or one's possessions than in the spiritual emancipation and uplift of the Chinese empire.—*J. Campbell White.*

One great factor there [Africa] that interested me immensely was the good work being done by the medical missionaries. Wherever I went I saw how much work the medical missionaries did among these perfectly wild savages.—*Theodore Roosevelt.*

The real woe of the world is in its absence from Christ. . . . The greatest achievement in the universe is bringing the hearts of this vast human race to the bosom of the loving Christ.—*Bishop Warren.*

It is practicable to bring about the time when the whole world shall rejoice in His presence, when there shall be no more sighing nor tears nor darkness, for the whole world shall sing one jubilant song, "Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." It is practicable; we can do it through Him that strengtheneth us.—*Lyman Abbott.*

The Christ of Calvary shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; he shall be enthroned in majesty and glory in the hearts of a multitude, whom no man can number, out of every kindred, nation, tribe, and people, and he shall reign forever and ever amid the everlasting roll of the anthem, "Hallelujah, the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!"—*J. O. Peck.*

"Go ye into all the world." Leave no spot unvisited; press every sod with the sandals of peace; sail every sea; ford every stream; climb every mountain; traverse every valley; brave the fierce heat of the equator; defy the circumpolar snows;

let nothing stop you or turn you aside until every soul sitting in darkness and death shall have seen the great Light of the World.—*Arthur E. Johnson.*

Support the home missionary. "Home" is a large word in this connection. It means the United States and insular possessions. "America for Christ" is the watchword—the battle cry. America must be saved if the gospel is to be preached to every creature—*Robert Forbes.*

"There must be new giving and new living, more men and women sent to the front, and more money and means furnished for the work. The Church of God does not respond to the providence of God as she ought. The very air is vocal with the calls of God, the very horizon is blazing with signal lights. Who will come forward, and say, 'Here am I, send me'? Who will bring their silver and gold with them and lay on God's altars their abundance?"

Every effort that is put forth for the extension of Christianity in other lands helps to strengthen us.—*W. J. Bryan.*

Bear the tidings round the ball,
Visit every soil and sea;
Preach the cross of Christ to all,
Christ, whose love is full and free.
—*Joshua Marsden.*

CHAPTER XV

MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

This chapter is designed to assist the ladies in building programs for conventions. Oftentimes it is difficult to find appropriate subjects. Excellent programs may be built from the large number of subjects suggested. The value of conventions ought to be emphasized by every Society. Every time delegates go from your Society to a convention they return with new ideas and fresh inspiration. This will mean much in the development of your Society. Hence encourage attending conventions. The following subjects are suggested:

1. Reasons Why Our Society Must Go Forward.
2. The World Field (A series of short papers).
   (1) From a Geographical Viewpoint.
   (2) From a Racial Viewpoint.
   (3) From a Numerical Viewpoint.
   (4) From a Moral Viewpoint.
3. Relationship of Prayer to Missions.
4. Reflex Influence of Missions.
5. Our Missions Among the Indians.
6. How the Pastor Can Help Us.
7. How We Can Help the Pastor.
8. The Relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the Woman's Home Missionary Society and Vice Versa.

9. Possibility of the Conversion of the World in This Generation.
10. Why Every Methodist Episcopal Church Ought to Have a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society or Woman's Home Missionary Society, or Both.
11. The Value of a Brief Literary Program in Connection with the Monthly Meeting.
12. How Can the Local Society Increase its Membership?
13. How Can We Arouse the Lukewarm Member?
14. What Can be Done to Interest the Young Ladies of the Church in our Societies?
15. Best Plans for a Luncheon in Connection with Our Monthly Meetings.
16. Advantages of Arranging a Program for Our Monthly Meetings Six Months or One Year in Advance.
17. Loyalty to Our General Societies.
18. Why Do Foreign Missions Depend upon the Success of Home Missions?
19. Our Responsibility to the Negro in the South.
20. Why Is the City Problem one of Vast Importance?
21. The Peculiar Value of Our Work Among the Immigrants.
22. India's Call to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.
23. How Can we Interest More People in Making Gifts for Special Objects?

24. Our Mission to the Orphan.
25. Our Great Opportunity in Korea.
26. The Missionary as a Pioneer of Civilization.
27. The Peculiar Advantages of Medical Missionary Work.
28. How Can We Make Our District Organization More Effective in Reaching and Helping the Women in Our Local Societies?
29. Best Plans for Organizing New Societies.
30. The Philippine Islands a Field of Rare Promise.
31. The Work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society Among the Mountain Whites of the South.
32. The Thrilling Story of the Hawaiian Islands and the Present Status of Methodist Mission Work Here.
33. New England as a Home Missionary Field.
34. The Relation of Home Missionary Work to the Development of Patriotic Citizenship.
35. The Vital Importance of Rescue Missions.
36. The Present Outlook and Possibilities in Malaysia.
37. How Can We Make Our Monthly Mission Studies More Attractive and Interesting?
38. The Gospel of Christ a Universal Gospel.
39. The Ideal President of the Local Society.
40. How Can a Contest for New Members Be Made Most Successful?
41. The New Testament and Missions.
42. A Survey of the Fields of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

43. A Survey of the Fields of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.
44. Our Attitude Toward the Parent Mission Boards of Our Church.
45. Italy as an Inviting Field.
46. The Preparation of the Church for Missionary Conquests.
47. How Can Our Literature be Improved?
48. The Stranger within Our Gates.
49. Our Missionary Papers and How to Increase Interest in Them.
50. How the Light is Breaking in the Dark Continent.
51. Educational Work in Home Fields.
52. The Disease of Mormonism and the Remedy.
53. Chinese and Japanese in America.
54. Some Forerunners of Modern Missions.
55. Carey and His Work.
56. The Story of Mary Reed.
57. The Story of Isabella Thoburn.
58. The Story of Mrs. William Butler.
59. The Story of Bishop Taylor.
60. The Story of Bishop Thoburn.
61. Sowing Missionary Seed Among the Children.
62. Practical Plans for Increasing Our Revenues.
63. Tithing and Missions.
64. The Student Volunteer Movement.
65. Heathen Customs Which Have Been Abolished by the Onward March of Christian Missions.

66. What Can We Do to Increase the Interest of Our Sunday Schools in Missions?
67. The Claims of Mission Study on Every Member of Our Societies.
68. How Does the Progress of Missions Affect the Material Interests of a Heathen Country?
69. Incentives to Missionary Activity.
70. The Marching Orders of the Militant Church.
71. The Kind of Missionaries Needed at the Present Day.
72. Why the Very Life of the Home Church is Dependent upon Missionary Activity.
73. Our Encouragements in Prosecuting Missionary Work.
74. How Can We Use the Missionary Concert to Greater Advantage?
75. Beliefs of the Principal Heathen Religions of the World.
76. Woman's Indebtedness to Christianity.
77. How to Have a Successful Annual Outing.
78. A Model Treasurer.
79. Woman under the Ethnic Religions.
80. How Can the Union between Our Members and Our Missionaries Be Made More Real and Helpful?
81. The Intellectual Effect of the Gospel upon the Converts from Heathenism.
82. Modern Martyrs, or The Boxer Heroes and Heroines.
83. China's Crying Needs.

84. Pagan Superstition and Cruelties to the Sick.
85. The European Nations under Papal Domination.
86. History of Our Mexican Mission.
87. Evils in the Non-Christian World Affecting the Individual.
88. Evils in the Non-Christian World Affecting the Family.
89. Our Task in South America.
90. What Can We Do to Secure More Volunteers for the Mission Field?
91. What Are We Doing for the French, Jews, and Germans in the United States?
92. The Effective Use of Literature in Promoting the Interests of the Local Society.
93. Best Plans to Increase Our Annual Thank Offering.
94. How the District Superintendent Can Assist Us.
95. Brief Survey of the Growth of Foreign Missions During the Nineteenth Century.
96. Signposts Along the Pathway of Woman's Progress.
97. The Problem of Our Frontier.
98. Why the World Should Be Speedily Evangelized.
99. The Deaconess as a Missionary Worker.
100. Christ Our Living Leader.
101. What We Are Doing in Alaska.

CHAPTER XVI

SOME SUGGESTIONS

Every Methodist Episcopal Church ought to have a woman's missionary organization.

Some churches are too small and weak to have both a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and a Woman's Home Missionary Society. In such churches the women can call a general meeting of all the ladies interested and decide by a majority vote which Society they shall organize.

Unless there is a pleasant, well-lighted, and well-furnished room in the church, the monthly meetings of the Society should be held in the homes of the members. Holding meetings in a dismal room is sufficient to kill the Society.

Some Societies always have some special feature introduced in the monthly meeting. A vocal solo, a reading or an instrumental selection always adds pleasure and interest. Try it.

It will increase interest and attendance if some able woman from some sister church in the community is occasionally invited to read a paper or deliver an address.

Assign the name of every lady in the parish to some member of the Society. Then let a tactful, energetic canvass be made for new members. You will be surprised at the result. It is the personal touch that counts most.

Some Societies have organized a contest after the manner of the Young Men's Christian Asso-

ciation contest. The members of the Society are equally divided. One side is called the "Reds" and the other the "Blues." The side securing the largest number of new members is given a banquet by the losing side. This plan, if properly handled, always results in awakening interest and increasing the membership.

Do not make the mistake of neglecting to interest the younger women of the church. They will put new life and power into the Society. Persuade them to join, elect some of them to office, put some of them on committees, etc. The young women of our churches could not be in a better training school for Christian service.

Some pastors and some laymen are afraid that the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society will mean a decrease in the amount given to the regular benevolences of the church. This is a mistaken conception and is not supported by facts. A Woman's Missionary Society properly conducted will inspire missionary zeal in the whole church and will result in quickening all of the benevolences.

Where there are a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and a Woman's Home Missionary Society in the same church great care should be taken to prevent any unpleasant rivalry between the two organizations. Such rivalry is always injurious to the Societies and to the entire church. The ladies should ever remember that they are working for a common cause.

It would be wise as well as courteous to invite the pastor once or twice a year to deliver a short

address or conduct a study at the monthly meeting.

Many Societies carefully arrange a program for six months or a year in advance. It is then printed on a neat folder and placed in the hands of every member. Such a program in the home is a daily reminder of the Society and its plans.

Serving a simple lunch at the close of the monthly meeting is very desirable. It promotes sociability and adds to the receipts of the Society.

It would be well to have a Society motto. The following are suggestive: The World for Christ; In the World to Save the World; United With Christ for the World's Redemption; Our Love for Christ Best Shown by Service; The Christ Passion for the Salvation of Women; Saved to Serve; No Cross—No Crown; No Sacrifice too Great for Christ; Every Member a Worker.

If your missionary zeal does not quicken your interest in all the problems of your home church, you may well question its saneness.

Each local Society should work in perfect harmony with the provisions, plans, and suggestions of the general Societies. This is absolutely necessary in order to secure the best results.

Do not expect the Pastor's wife to take the heavy end of the work of the Societies.

Above all, the sweet spirit of the Master should characterize every member of the Society in all their plans and activities.

CHAPTER XVII

HOW THE PASTOR CAN "HELP THOSE WOMEN"

If the author could get the ear of every one of his brother pastors for about five minutes he would preach them a kind sermonette from Paul's words in Phil. 4. 3—"Help those women." True, many of our pastors are in perfect sympathy with the women and are doing all in their power to encourage and help them in their missionary activities. It is equally true that many of our pastors are not as deeply interested in their work as they should be and are not doing all that they might do to "help those women." Wise is that pastor who sincerely coöperates with the women of his church in all their plans and work.

"HELP THOSE WOMEN"

1. Because they deserve the pastor's help. They are constantly helping the pastor in bearing the burdens of the Church. Let us be frank and admit that many of our smaller churches would languish and die if it were not for the consecrated and heroic efforts of "those women."

2. Because the ultimate aim of the women's missionary societies is identical with that of the parent boards, namely, to bring the world to Christ. The women are not working in opposition to the parent boards, but in conjunction with them, and are supplementing and strengthening their work.

3. Because the women secure much money which otherwise would never be given to missions. This extra money means very much in the extension of the kingdom of Christ at home and abroad.

4. Because the missionary activities of the women stimulate and increase the gifts to the parent boards. Many pastors have labored under the *mistaken* notion that the efforts of the women to raise money detract from the gifts to the parent boards. While this is true in some instances, it is by no means true when applied to the general problem. The women are constantly scattering missionary fire and information throughout the parish and this has a telling effect when the pastor presents the claims of the parent boards. A *live* Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Woman's Home Missionary Society in any church will surely have a strong tendency to increase the gifts to all the benevolences of the Church.

5. Because the women's missionary societies greatly enhance the spiritual power and usefulness of the Church in the community. Any church which has caught the Master's vision of the world will do efficient work in its own local field. Our missionary women are doing very much to get the local churches to catch that vision. A church thoroughly permeated by the missionary spirit will have inspiring public services, a live Sunday school, an enterprising Epworth League, and will powerfully affect the ethical and spiritual life of the community. The

missionary women are the pastor's most valuable asset in producing this missionary spirit.

HOW TO "HELP THOSE WOMEN"

1. Be perfectly frank with them. Assure them that you are in perfect sympathy with their missionary work and that you are very anxious to serve them in any way within your power.

2. Drop into their meetings occasionally. They will ask you to lead the devotions and say a few words. This will be a golden opportunity to give them needed encouragement and helpful counsel.

3. Remember these societies occasionally in your pulpit prayers.

4. Preach once each year on some phase of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and once on some phase of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

5. On thank-offering Sunday do all in your power to secure a good offering for the women.

6. At the close of the Conference year briefly outline in the pulpit what "those women" have accomplished during the year and add a few words of judicious praise.

CHAPTER XVIII

OFFICIAL RELATION OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO THE CHURCH

This relationship is indicated in the following paragraphs taken from the Discipline of the Church:

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

¶ 388. For the more successful prosecution of the missionary work of the Church among women in foreign lands, there shall be an organization known as the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be governed and regulated by its Constitution, which may be altered or amended by the General Conference as the necessities of the work may require.

§ 1. This Society shall work in harmony with, and under the supervision of, the authorities of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and annual appropriations to mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

§ 2. All missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the president of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other missionaries.

§ 3. All the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in foreign mission lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions and their committees in exactly the same manner as the work of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the superintendent or district superintendent having the same relation to the work and the person in charge of it that he would have were it a work in the charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

¶ 389, § 1. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our regular church services, nor in any Sunday school, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday schools for the treasury of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amount so collected shall be reported by the pastor to the Annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the Annual and General Minutes.

§ 2. The provisions of § 1 shall not be so in-

terpreted as to prevent the women from taking collections in meetings convened in the interests of their Societies; nor from securing memberships and life memberships in audiences where their work is represented; nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

Woman's Home Missionary Society

¶ 403. There shall be an organization known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which Society shall have authority to collect and disburse money, employ missionaries, and do work among the neglected populations in the home field under the same Discipinary rules and regulations as those which apply to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, except the requirements contained in ¶ 388, §§ 2, 3.

Note.—By action of the General Conference of 1912, the Presidents of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and of the Woman's Home Missionary Society are constituted members of the Quarterly Conference, when said Presidents are members of our Church in the local charge, and approved by the Quarterly Conference for membership therein.

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